

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 28

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1955

Mr. ZABLOCKI submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a Joint Com-
3 mittee on Intelligence Matters to be composed of nine
4 Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President
5 of the Senate, and nine Members of the House of Repre-
6 sentatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives. In each instance not more than five
8 Members shall be members of the same political party.

9 SEC. 2. The joint committee shall make continuing
10 studies of the intelligence activities and problems relating to
11 the gathering of intelligence affecting the national security
12 and of its coordination and utilization by the various de

1 partments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Govern-
2 ment. The Central Intelligence Agency and related intel-
3 ligence services shall keep the joint committee fully and cur-
4 rently informed with respect to their activities. All bills,
5 resolutions, and other matters in the Senate or the House of
6 Representatives relating primarily to the Central Intelli-
7 gence Agency and related intelligence services shall be re-
8 ferred to the joint committee. The members of the joint
9 committee who are Members of the Senate shall from time to
10 time report to the Senate, and the members of the joint
11 committee who are Members of the House of Representatives
12 shall from time to time report to the House, by bill or
13 otherwise, their recommendations with respect to matters
14 within the jurisdiction of their respective Houses which are
15 (1) referred to the joint committee or (2) otherwise within
16 the jurisdiction of the joint committee.

17 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
18 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
19 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be
20 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original
21 selection. The joint committee shall select a chairman and
22 a vice chairman from among its members.

23 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized
24 subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to

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1 sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpoena or
2 otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the produc-
3 tion of such books, papers, and documents, to administer
4 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing
5 and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems
6 advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such
7 hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words.

8 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint
9 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and steno-
10 graphic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable. The
11 committee is authorized to utilize the services, information,
12 facilities, and personnel of the departments and establish-
13 ments of the Government.

14 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee, which shall
15 not exceed \$ per year, shall be paid one-half from
16 the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the con-
17 tingent fund of the House of Representatives upon vouchers
18 signed by the chairman. Disbursements to pay such ex-
19 penses shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate out of
20 the contingent fund of the Senate, such contingent fund to
21 be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives in the amount of one-half of the disbursemen-
23 so made.

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urge passage of his H. Con. Res. 28 to establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence matters. The Rules Committee took no action on the measure and did not ask any questions of its sponsor.

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1. Sixteen identical concurrent resolutions have been introduced in the House to establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence Matters. The leadership seems to have been taken by Cong. Zablocki (D., Wis.) and Congresswoman Kelly (D., N. Y.) who introduced similar resolutions last year. The Joint Committee is to be composed of 9 members each from the Senate and the House. The resolution refers to the Central Intelligence Agency "and related intelligence services". As the House requires individual bills to be introduced rather than co-sponsorship as in the Senate, the following are the bill numbers, the sponsors and their committee assignments: H. Con. Res. 28, Zablocki (D., Wis.), Foreign Affairs; H. Con. Res. 29, Mrs. Kelly (D., N. Y.) Foreign Affairs; H. Con. Res. 30, Becker (R., N. Y.) Public Works; H. Con. Res. 31, Mrs. Buchanan (D., Pa.) Banking and Currency; H. Con. Res. 32, Canahan (D., Mo.) Foreign Affairs; H. Con. Res. 33, Davis (R., Wis.) Appropriations; H. Con. Res. 34, Doyle (D., Calif.) Armed Services and Un-American Activities; H. Con. Res. 35, Gordon (D., Ill.) Foreign Affairs; H. Con. Res. 36, Mrs. Kee (D., W. Va.) Veterans' Affairs; H. Con. Res. 37, Lanham (D., Ga.) Appropriations; H. Con. Res. 38, Norblad (R., Ore.) Armed Services; H. Con. Res. 39, Reuss (D., Wis.) Banking and Currency, and Government Operations; H. Con. Res. 40, Sheehan (R., Ill.) Merchant Marine & Fisheries; H. Con. Res. 41, Smith (D., Miss.) Public Works; H. Con. Res. 42, Mrs. Sullivan (D., Mo.) Merchant Marine & Fisheries; H. Con. Res. 43, Walter (R., Pa.) Chairman, HCUA and Judiciary.

2. Cong. Bentley (R., Mich.), a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, called me for an expression of views on the question of a Joint Committee. He stated that Cong. Zablocki had asked him to sponsor such a measure and he did not propose to do so until discussing it with us. I stated our position on this matter to the Congressman, stressing how satisfied we were with the Armed Services Committee arrangements. He pointed out, however, that it would be important for a committee to be able to cut across the intelligence field, and while agreeing that the Armed Services Committee had jurisdiction over G-2, ONI and Air Intelligence it did not cover such things as the State Department intelligence setup. He also pointed out that naturally Mr. Short and Mr. Vinson would be opposed to such a measure on the basis that the loss of supervision over CIA would decrease the jurisdiction of their Committee to that extent. Mr. Bentley asked if we had ever formally commented on this legislation, and I informed him that we had only been requested to comment by the Senate Rules Committee last year. He stated that if it were unclassified he would appreciate it if we could give him a copy of our official views as expressed to the Senate to aid him in his thinking on the subject. It is recommended that we make a copy of the Director's unclassified letter of 30 April 1954 to Mr. Bookwalter, Chief Clerk of the Senate Rules Committee, available to Mr. Bentley. The Congressman said that he would hold off Mr. Zablocki until he had time to consider the matter further and thoroughly. He did not appear to be in any way hostile to CIA. 20 Jan 1955

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